

life to the cause of clean, safe water for the needy of the world. Mr. Morris is the immediate past chairman of Living Water International, a 15-year-old faith-based NGO. Living Water has provided water to over 5 million world-wide on three continents.

Of particular note, Living Water has completed nearly 400 water projects providing clean water to over one million people of Kenya. At the urging of Malcolm Morris, Kenyan President Kibaki made a public commitment to provide water for the 20 million people of Kenya in need of water. In addition, Morris organized the completion of two Peace Wells, dedicated by President Kibaki, to end violence between two tribes that resulted in 20 deaths on Valentines Day, 2005. In fact, Madam Speaker, Mr. Morris and members of the Living Well Board, at the direction of President Kibaki and his cabinet, are dedicating a third Peace Well next week in Kenya.

Malcolm Morris practices what he preaches. His actions are an expression of his faith—to provide clean water and basic sanitation to one child, one family, one village at a time. Through Malcolm Morris' leadership and vision, the men and women of Living Water have become vessels of healing.

Now operating in 22 countries, Living Water has trained over 1,200 volunteers in drilling, pumping repair, and health and hygiene training. The number of persons being served is doubling nearly every 18 months. I should note that Mr. Morris is not just an observer of the international water crisis. He is a drill instructor, conducting drill training camps and has led water teams to schools in both Africa and Central America.

In addition to his ongoing involvement with Living Water, Malcolm Morris founded and serves as Chairman of the Millennium Water Alliance—a group of water related NGO's that includes Living Water International, Africare, CARE, Catholic Relief Services, Emmanuel International, Food for the Hungry, Lifewater International, Water for People, Water Missions international, WaterPartners international and World Vision. UNICEF acts in an advisory capacity to the MWA. The mission of the MWA is to initiate needed water and sanitation projects in an efficient and transparent manner.

Recently, as a result of Mr. Morris' strong and consistent advocacy, Congress passed a bill known as the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act. The legislation makes access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of U.S. foreign assistance programs. The legislation will improve the quality of lives for millions of people around the world. Malcolm's insightfulness and persuasiveness made a legislative dream a reality.

One final mention, Madam Speaker. I should note that Malcolm Morris is Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of a Fortune 1000 company—Stewart Title Guaranty Company, headquartered in Houston.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in tribute to Malcolm S. Morris. With the dedication of the water wells in Kenya, the peace spigot has been turned on. Clean water is a source of life and sustainable development. Simply put, Mr. Morris has demonstrated that we should view water as a currency for Peace.

## ADVANCED FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 16, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in fundamental support of H.R. 547, The Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act, which provides important direction for further development of the infrastructure needed to bring various biofuels, like ethanol, to the entire U.S. market.

Currently the biofuel infrastructure in our country is not ready for an influx of biofuels and the impending transition from petroleum fuels to alternative fuels. Appropriately, the corrosive nature of ethanol is addressed in H.R. 547. The bill directs federal agencies to look at new infrastructure components, along with potential additives to alleviate the harm ethanol and other biofuels can have on our Nation's current energy infrastructure.

But H.R. 547 needs to do more. My home State of New York is currently dependent on ethanol produced in the Midwest. Regions outside the cornbelt, such as New York, are subjected to additional costs associated with the transportation of ethanol across the country. Such costs can easily be alleviated by regional biofuel markets. While H.R. 547 addresses some of the issues surrounding biofuel infrastructure, it does not address the idea of regional biofuel markets. The concept of regional markets has the potential to supplement and augment the existing ethanol infrastructure while easing transportation risk and costs.

Further, regionalized biofuel markets have many economic implications. Local and regional markets bring jobs to rural areas throughout our country by putting farmers back to work. Regional markets create new opportunities for hard working Americans at refineries and jobs through the local transportation networks needed for ethanol distribution. Such economic activities add to the tax base in our small towns and immediately promote environmental consciousness.

Such environmental consciousness and the promise of a regional ethanol market are most notably being felt in Upstate NY. Stemming from research and development done at SUNY-ESF, shrub willow trees are now being used to produce cellulosic ethanol. This technological advancement was funded by the Federal government and the State of New York over the last decade. Through the financial backing and support of Catalyst Renewables, the ESF technology has been integrated with a biomass electric facility to create a CO<sub>2</sub> neutral to negative cellulosic ethanol refinery. This energy independent facility creates transportation fuel, electric energy and provides residual steam to other industries, which further reduces fossil fuel use. The result will be one of the first commercial cellulosic ethanol plants in North America which will create a regional market that will be felt throughout New York and surrounding states.

Such encouraging developments in New York State will greatly benefit from the ethanol technologies supported in H.R. 547. However, the cellulosic ethanol industry, which is still in

its infancy, faces numerous challenges. These include competition with established fossil fuels, corn based ethanol production, and tax inequality with wind and solar energy. As a Nation, we must promote the regionalization of biorefineries beyond the cornbelt. Currently, such markets do not receive equal funding opportunities, hindering biomass refinery commercialization.

If our Nation is serious about lessening our dependence on foreign oil and promoting alternative energies like that developed at ESF, we must embrace and encourage the economic benefits of regional biofuel markets.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF TONY CORTESE

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 16, 2007*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the life of Tony Cortese, United States Postal Service Employee and President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Local 193.

In his forty-two years as a proud and honorable employee of the United States Postal Service and twenty-seven years as the president of the National Association of Letter Carriers Local 193, NALC, Tony Cortese made a significant impact on the rights of Letter Carriers and on the well-being of his community.

Mr. Cortese was a fifty-five-year resident of San Jose, California and was a tireless advocate for Letter Carriers. As President of the NALC Local 193 for nearly thirty years, Mr. Cortese procured a union owned building for the members, secured expanded health benefits, and provided an open forum for discussion for union members and Federal, State, and local politicians.

Mr. Cortese's service was not just limited to advocacy for the rights of the union members, but extended into the San Jose community and beyond. Under Mr. Cortese's leadership, San Jose served as a pilot for what would become a national food drive sponsored by the NALC the first Saturday before Mother's Day. In fact, this national program, which began in 1991 and continues today, is the result of Mr. Cortese's own food drive initiative in 1990. This is but one example by which Mr. Cortese's unassuming, generous, and selfless manner made significant and positive changes in the lives of a countless number of people.

Along with my Santa Clara County colleagues, Congressman HONDA and Congresswoman ESHOO, and my constituents in San Jose, I am honored to pay tribute to Tony Cortese.

We thank his family for supporting his work over many years and for being the source of tremendous pride for him, his wife Barbara, his daughter Caroline and son-in-law Don Bauldry, his sister Mary and brother-in-law Vince Catalano, and his grandchildren Austin and Ashley. Our thoughts are with you during your grief, and we are honored with the years of service Mr. Cortese gave to both the NALC and the United States Postal Service as well as the residents of San Jose, California and the State of California. He will be dearly missed.